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Posted by [Rob Arsenault](#) on Tue, 21 Feb 2006 13:44:03 GMT
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Posted by [RZ](#) on Tue, 21 Feb 2006 18:28:41 GMT
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On most long range projects, and especially flat rate projects, I draft a simple letter of agreement stating what we agreed on, and we both sign it. Much more casual than a contract, and will hold up pretty well in court (though I have never needed to do that, and only once can I remember ever having to bring up a point listed in the letter)...

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Tue, 21 Feb 2006 23:56:51 GMT
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Go to www.microsoft.com/office and grab some templates there to tweak to your liking.
Cover the usual stuff
Period of contract (rent for how long in your case and at what rate during what hours, etc)
Damages: When due and on what basis
Rentals: If your stuff breaks midsession, who covers the costs of replacement rental gear?
Do a walk through inventory check before the rental starts and once they are done, on your time.
A lot of guys forget this one - who cleans up after the band?
Smoking, drugs, drinks.. you allow 'em in the studio? Cover it.
If they want to extend the contract time to complete an over run schedule, how will that be handled?

Well, you get the idea. Have fun man!
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